



# Colorado Crop Progress

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**Agricultural Summary:** Temperatures in Colorado continue to stay above average with below average precipitation. The limited rainfall and warmer temperatures cause concern for wildfires that have been reported in the southern regions of the State. Northern and central areas of the State have received spotty moisture through isolated thunderstorms. Overall, mountain snowpack jumped to 243 percent of average. Potential for flooding from snowmelt is a concern as temperatures warm up in the high country. Farmers were allowed 6.7 days in the field for spring operations last week.

## TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

|           | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
|-----------|------------|-------|----------|---------|
| This Week | 10         | 20    | 68       | 2       |
| Last Week | 20         | 17    | 59       | 4       |
| Last Year | 1          | 14    | 77       | 8       |

## SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

|           | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
|-----------|------------|-------|----------|---------|
| This Week | 12         | 23    | 61       | 4       |
| Last Week | 22         | 25    | 50       | 3       |
| Last Year | 1          | 10    | 85       | 4       |

**Small Grains:** Winter wheat was 94 percent headed with 20 percent turning color at the end of last week. The crop is rated in mostly good to fair condition. Spring barley was 13 percent headed and rated in mostly good to fair condition. Spring wheat was 98 percent emerged with 3 percent headed and rated in mostly fair to good condition.

**Row Crops:** Corn was 90 percent emerged last week with the crop rated in mostly good condition. Sorghum planting increased to 42 percent planted and 13 percent emerged and rated in mostly fair condition. Sugarbeets were 97 percent up to stand by the end of the week with the crop rated in mostly good condition. Onions were rated in mostly good condition. Summer potatoes were 77 percent planted with 45 percent emerged and fall potatoes were 97 percent planted with 43 percent emerged by the end of last week. Sunflower planting reached 50 percent planted last week. Dry beans reached 79 percent planted and 16 percent emerged.

## SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending June 12, 2011

|               | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|---------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Winter Wheat  |           |      |      |      |           |
| This Week     | 9         | 16   | 35   | 35   | 5         |
| Last Year     | 1         | 3    | 19   | 63   | 14        |
| Spring Barley |           |      |      |      |           |
| This Week     | 0         | 0    | 41   | 48   | 11        |
| Last Year     | 0         | 6    | 39   | 47   | 8         |
| Spring Wheat  |           |      |      |      |           |
| This Week     | 0         | 0    | 47   | 43   | 10        |
| Last Year     | 0         | 6    | 45   | 41   | 8         |

**Pasture and Range:** Pasture and range feed conditions are quite variable and were rated at very poor to good condition across the State. Alfalfa cuttings progressed to 48 percent of the 1<sup>st</sup> cutting complete, with the crop rated in good condition.

**Livestock:** Death losses for cattle and sheep were still rated average for the State. Stored feed supplies were also rated average for this time of year. Some feed shortages were reported in the southeastern corner of the State where range and pasture have suffered due to dry conditions.

## PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending June 12, 2011

|                      | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|----------------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Pasture & Range-2011 | 27        | 17   | 20   | 29   | 7         |
| Prev. Year - 2010    | 1         | 5    | 23   | 57   | 14        |
| 5-Year Avg.          | 13        | 14   | 28   | 36   | 9         |

## COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending June 12, 2011

| Item                    | This Week | Last Week | Last Year | 5-Yr Avg. |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>Winter Wheat</b>     |           |           |           |           |
| Headed                  | 94        | 80        | 97        | 97        |
| Turning Color           | 20        | 8         | 12        | 31        |
| <b>Spring Barley</b>    |           |           |           |           |
| Headed                  | 13        | N/A       | 32        | 15        |
| <b>Spring Wheat</b>     |           |           |           |           |
| Emerged                 | 98        | 76        | 100       | 99        |
| Headed                  | 3         | N/A       | 29        | 12        |
| <b>Corn</b>             |           |           |           |           |
| Emerged                 | 90        | 74        | 98        | 93        |
| <b>Sorghum</b>          |           |           |           |           |
| Planted                 | 42        | 26        | 83        | 64        |
| Emerged                 | 13        | 2         | 31        | 24        |
| <b>Sugarbeets</b>       |           |           |           |           |
| Up to Stand             | 97        | 88        | 98        | 96        |
| <b>Sunflowers</b>       |           |           |           |           |
| Planted                 | 50        | 23        | 64        | 68        |
| <b>Alfalfa</b>          |           |           |           |           |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Cutting | 48        | 25        | 64        | 51        |
| <b>Dry Beans</b>        |           |           |           |           |
| Planted                 | 79        | 54        | 70        | 69        |
| Emerged                 | 16        | 7         | 33        | 36        |
| <b>Fall Potatoes</b>    |           |           |           |           |
| Planted                 | 97        | 92        | 99        | 100       |
| Emerged                 | 43        | 14        | 69        | 49        |
| <b>Summer Potatoes</b>  |           |           |           |           |
| Planted                 | 77        | 72        | 99        | 94        |
| Emerged                 | 45        | 30        | 88        | 70        |

## COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

| Item              | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|-------------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| <b>Livestock</b>  | 0         | 2    | 27   | 57   | 14        |
| <b>Corn</b>       | 0         | 3    | 25   | 66   | 6         |
| <b>Sorghum</b>    | 1         | 37   | 43   | 17   | 2         |
| <b>Dry Onions</b> | 1         | 2    | 17   | 65   | 15        |
| <b>Alfalfa</b>    | 2         | 6    | 29   | 53   | 10        |
| <b>Sugarbeets</b> | 0         | 4    | 31   | 55   | 10        |

1/ Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.